TERMINATES HER LOVE AFFAIR.

Rough on Rats. Despondency over love affairs is supposed election had been definitely known and polto have caused the death of 19-year-old likes had apparently been forgotten, the de Matilda Lorsh Wednesday night. The cir-cumstances surrounding the girl's death are somewhat mysterious, but in the opin-the election, and Mr. Morrill says he was ion of the authorities they seem to point to singued at the way in which Mr. Zehrung an act of self-destruction. Although she died Wednesday night, the evidences of Buicide were not discovered until yesterday

about 6 o'clock Wednesday night and went about 6 o'clock Wednesday night and went they were trying to save the country from to bed, but they did not think she was seri- eternal damnation and ruin. Mr. Morrill She was weak and vomiting In a short time she called them and said:

the girl's lover. He was sent for. As the Morrill shared the same view of the gentlegirl did not improve and appeared very low. man's actions and talk, the Ranns sent for Dr. McClanahan. The This morning at 10 o the Ranns sent for Dr. McClanahan. The lover and the physician arrived at the same time, a little after 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The girl was dead. Dr. McClanahan that was not visible on the surface. Contacted that was not visible on the surface. ing. The girl was dead. Dr. McCiananau that was not visible on the surface. Constated that she had been a corpse for an hour. As the circumstances appeared to be gentlemen to act on the jury: W. H. Traver. of a suspicious and mysterious character, the physician notified the coroner. When the mell, Tom M. Cooke and Roy R. Chapman. physician notified the coroner. When the coroner arrived, the Ranns would say nothing about the case. They had not molested ing about the case. They had not molested ing of the cause of death. The corpse was removed to the morgue and yesterday morning room of the house. The jury adjourned to to substitute the name of the police were notified of the case. Officers meet at 19 o'clock temorrow in General Grace B. Sudberough of the police were notified of the case. Officers went to the house of the Ranns early to make an investigation. The key to the mystery was doubtless found in the discovery of a box of "Rough on Rats" in the pocket of the girl's jacket. The box was old and battered, but it was almost filled with the poison. Not more than a quarter of a teaspoonful was gone. The girl's effects were searched, but not a note or anything else indicating her intention to kill herself was found.

The girl had been living with her parents about five miles west of Fort Calhoun. The family has lived in that vicinity for a great many years. About a year ago the became acquainted with Gus Rann and the two fell in love. On account of this intimacy the girl occasionally visited the Ranns at their residence on Military She went there Tuesday. Wednes day she came down town. way down she called at Peter Gravert's saloon at Twenty-ninth and Cumings streets, where her lover is employed. She spoke pleasantly with him and then continued on her way. After doing her shopping she returned home after 4 o'clock. After taking off her jacket she went to an outhouse and remained there for half an bour. When she returned to the house she staggered and complained of being ill. She went to bed, and finally asked for her lover. He was sent for, but did not arrive in time, as he was The Ranns apparently did not know the girl was dead until the arrival of

Rann, the 20-year-old lover of the girl, seems to be the only one who can give cause for suicide. He says that the two intended to be married next month, but the Hayden Bres.' Good Time club held forth girl appeared to believe that he was not at the Thurston Rifles' armory and passed frue to her. They had several quarrels, in the time most enjoyably with a program of which she threatened to kill herself. Wedness twenty-four dances, which was later rounded day, however, young Rann says that she out with refreshments. Creighton, was very cheerful and did not speak of taking her life. Henry Rann and his wife also city she was cheerful.

It is believed that the girl took the poison while she was in the outhouse, as the effects were noticed upon her return. It is box, because druggists are not comnelled to register sales of "Rough on Rats. son is of the kind that can be tained in any grocery store. The girl ap parently had the box for some time, as the labels were worn and torn.

The parents of the girl were notified of her death yesterday morning, but, as they live In the country, they have not arrived yet. An inquest will be held at the morgue this morning at 10 o'clock.

COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT MONEY. In a Fit of Despondency Charles G.

Mason Takes His Life. The fifth suicide which has occurred in this city in less than a week was discovered at the Emmett house, 316 South Eleventh street, last night shortly after 9 o'clock. The victim is Charles G. Mason, a cowboy from Lander, Wyo., and the causes which led to it are undoubtedly a depleted pocket book caused by a week's debauch.

Mason arrived in South Omaha about a fortnight ago with some cattle, which he sold. He was accompanied by Walter Shel-don and another companion named Harry. The money he secured was spent lavishing until last Monday he found his exchequer somewhat limited and secured cheap lodgings at the hotel paying a week in advance. Wednesday evening he sat around the office until about 8 o'clock and appeared to be much worried. He also complained of a pain in his head. He bid the proprietor, C. G. Scott, good night and went to his room Last night Scott, remembering that he had not seen his lodger for some time, went to the room and receiving no answer to re peated knocks went in. Mason was discovered dead on the bed. The body was cold and it was evident that rigor mortis had set in many hours before. He is thought to have committed suicide Wednesday night about 12 o'clock, judging from the time stated in one of the letters left. Death was due to a dose of morphine.

Of the letters found in the room one of them is written by him as follows: "Take ye heed; watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is." Then tollows the hours of 4 o'clock and also 12 p. m. evidently times he pondered over his subsequent act. "Charles G. Mason, a cowboy from Lander, Wyo.; death caused by morphine, taken with suicidal intent," followed by some meaningless degreers, and concluding with meaningless doggerel, and concluding with the remark: "Kerchunk, and the elephant wunk, and the band played kerplunk."

A letter was left for the coroner, which ild: "Excuse me for troubling you, but will you kindly make sure that I am dead before burying me is all I ask." A short note to Freda Weybright a woman in the east end who had befriended him by loan E. E. Frisbie, Eigin; William Arnold and ing him money, a scaled letter to a woman who is evidently his mother, "Mrs. Mary A. Mason, county superintendent of schools Lander, Wyo.," and another to Sabra A. Cole of Eldred. Pa., were all that was found upon the remains. There was no morey, A photograph bearing the name of Mildred Mason, with the stamp of Akren, O., on it was found among his effects. Deceased was about 27 years of age. His relative at Lander, Wyo., has been telegraphed An loquest will be held by Coroner Burket

LINCOLN MAN HANGS HIMSELF.

Henry C. Zehrung Take His Life in a Deliberate Manner. LINCOLN. Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)— Henry C. Zehrung, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Lincoln, committed suicide at an early hour this morning by hanging himself in the loft of his barn, back of his residence, at 844 C street. Last night at 8 o'clock he left the house, stating that he was going down town to attend a business meeing of some wall paper men. At a o'clock this morning he had not returned and search was made. The key of the bern was found in the door on the outside, which was hooked from the inside by a hasp. This fact excited suspicion and the door was broken open and the body found hanging by a new rope in the loft. He had been dead about seven hours.

Mr. Zehrung was 55 years of age, an old resident of the city, having come to the state in 1873, and was a Mason. He was ever brought to this country—and the ever brought to this country—and the other sorts of necktles than anybody— rugs ready to be made—rugs for any other sorts of necktles than anybody— rugs ready to be made—rugs for any other sorts of necktles than anybody— rugs ready to be made—rugs for any other sorts of necktles than anybody— rugs ready to be made—rugs for any other sorts of necktles than anybody— rugs ready to be made—rugs for any other sorts of necktles and less price—Wilson Bros. about seven hours. and also treasurer of that county for suv-eral terms. At the time of his death he was president and manager of the Standard Oil and Glass company of this city.

The only theory so far advanced by friends of the dead man is that the temporary insanity was produced by despendency over the recent presidential election. Mr. Zebrung was a republican, but he was a firm believer in the free silver cause and was heart and soul for Mr. Bryan. Since the election be has been exceedingly excitable an that subject and his friends say that

versity, who was a close friend and neigh-bor of the deceased, said this morning that he believed Mr. Zehrung was mentally un-Miss Matilda Lorsh Takes a Dose of balanced over the election. He stated that some weeks ago, after the result of the talked about the subject. He said that the people had been deluded by the gold men: that they had made the greatest in the history of the country, and that there Matida Lorsh had been visiting at the residence of Henry Rann, 1916 Military avenue. She became sick, the Ranns say, about 5 O'clock Wednesday with the same sick, the Ranns say, been called aparchists. sly ill. She was weak and vomiting, a short time she called them and said: says that as soon as he saw how Mr. Zehrung was talking he managed to change the question of debate. He declares that he thought at the time that Mr. Zehrung Gus is a brother of Henry Rann and was had gone crazy on the subject and that Mrs.

Webster's office on South Eleventh street.

Blows Out the Gas and Dies. PITTSBURG, Dec. 31 .- Mary Wilcox, aged about 20 years, committed suicide at the Pennsylvania hotel today by blowing out the gas after carefully locking all the doors and windows and closing up every place that would admit air. The hotel people say that the girl acted strangely during her stay there, but they knew nothing else about her.

Commits Spicide While Insane. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 31 .- (Special Telegram.)-Frank Kouba, while temporarily insane, committed suicide last night by hanging. The body was found in the hay-mow by his wife this morning.

DANCING OUT THE OLD YEAR. Numerous Parties at the Hotels and

Public Halls. It was a remarkably quiet new year that was ushered into the world at midnight last night. Of parties and balls at the various hotels and halls there was no end and dancing appeared to be the favorite method for ushering in the year of 1897. At the Millard the Heptamerons occupied the ball room on the third floor and passe the hours merrily until the noise of the bells and whistles announced that a new year bad been born. The Montezumas entertained about seventy couples at the Bos-ton store hall and after a lengthy program of dances completed the evening's feativi ies with a banquet at the Merchants' hotel twenty-four dances, which was later rounde quarters for merrymakers each held their that when the girl returned from the share of people. At the Barker hotel a she was cheerful. party was given by the management. Fifty At the Barker hotel couples participated in the dancing in the large dining room, which was decorated for the occasion. The affair concluded with the serving of refreshments.

Clerk Hillis' Bond Approved. The new clerk of the United States cir-cuit court, Mr. Hillis of St. Paul, is ex-pected here Saturday or Monday to take

C. E. Wilkins, Philadelphia, Pa., is a Bar-Samuel C. Chapman of Plattsmouth was it

the city yesterday. G. J. Strahle, Gethenberg, Neb., is registered at the Barker. Jules Lumbard has returned from a shor

vestern business trip, C. H. Cox of Sheridan, Wyo., was among the arrivals yesterday. Judge M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill was ar

Omaha visitor yesterday. D. Clem Deaver left last night for Lin oln to be absent over Sunday. J. W. Morrison and D. Cameron are St.

ouls arrivals stopping at the Barker. L. D. Richards and R. B. Schneider o Premont were Omaha visitors yesterday, John Eyler, stock agent for the Burlingreturned home from Cheyenne las

D. O. Campbell of Lincoln, clerk of the upreme court, was among the arrivals yes Raiph Crandall has returned after a six nonths' sojourn in Portland, Ore., and San

Pranels H. E. Kryger, a Neligh banker, was in the yesterday, en route home from a trip o Chicago.

Mrs. E. E. Brown of Lincoln, who has

S. Streeter.

Lively Executive Session Results in a Reconsideration of Former Action and a Report Fairly Harmonious.

LINCOLN, Dec. 31 .- (Special.) -- It was exsected that the committee appointed to nominste officers of the State Teachers' association for the ensuing year would not make its report until this evering. This morning the committee met in room 4, library building, and organized by electing State Superintendent Corbett chairman and J. A. Collins secretary. Then they went into executive session and excluded all the newspaper men. There was a good deal of caucusing in this session and the prevailing tdea seemed to be that some one was to be vindicated, and the slate which was put up yesterday and broken was again rejuvenated, mended and presented for confirmation. Long before the doors of the room were opened it was known that the same list which was yesterday snowed under would be again reported. Just before adjournment there was an effort made Grace B. Sudborough of Omaha for that selected by the delegates and a warm discussion followed. The association finally adopted the report of the committee on nominations of officers, as follows: President, J. W. Crabtree of Beatrice; secretary, Lillian Stoner, Valen-tine; treasurer, C. R. Atkinson, Fairbury; member of the executive committee, W. H. Clemmons, Fremont; member of the reading circle board, J. A. Collins; member of the educational council, W. R. Siders.

President Seattle of the Peru Normal school presided at this morning's session of the association. He announced that by the instructions of the executive mmittee the program crowded out yesterday morning by the political wrangling would be carried out today. A paper was read by A. H. Bigelow on the proper course of study for the schools below the college. He believed the course should be arranged as to extend through the twelve years below the college. In the first two grades the history should be given by story telling and in the third and fourth grades this story telling should be supplemented by se-lected reading, and from the fifth to the eighth grades the formal study of history should be taken up. He called for many changes in the text books and methods of

teaching. W. A. Siders of Alliance led the discussion of the subject. He said he would divide the work in history into three periods, the elementary course, to cover four years, an intermediate period, to cover three years, and an advance course of four years, and an advance course of four years.

Dr. Krohn was called for and responded, beginning his address by condemning the usual daily program as arranged by the castiron method. Such a program is faulty because of a want of knowledge of the national daily program is faulty association. The usual number of papers were read and the time allotted for the ture. An examination made from 60,000 children has shown that the best time for mental effort is from 8 to 10:15 in the mornthe child may do mechanical work that does not call for close mental application, for this reason the best time for penmanship

and drawing by from 1 to 2.
Often the fatigue noticed in a schoolcharge of the office. His bond in the sum of \$15,000 has been approved by Judge Sambon. The commission of R. Bittinger has been the deputy has also arrived. Mr. Bittinger has been the deputy under Elmer D. Frank, since January I. 1896, and for several months during the Illness of Mr. Frank, which kept the office, had charge of the same and has conducted it in a satisfactory manner.

Often the language property a bad arrangement of the program. He very earnestly called attention achoes, with a varied collection of popular to the period attention and songs. The discussion of the subject of litteration and the subject of litteration and songs. The discussion of the subject of litteration and song and should be carefully handled. Investigation has made clear the fact that some children learn through the ear and others through the eye and so they are either eyeminded or ear-minded. Each of these two built their fences by the rule of three minded or ear-minded. Each of these two called attention to the periods of danger caused by the rapid growth of the child.

"How to Improve the Compulsory Law" was the subject of a paper by Judge A. W. Field of the Board of Education of this city. He quoted Martin Luther as saying that the state owed the child an education and had a right to demand that the child have the advantage of the school. He showed from statistics that the states having a good from statistics that the states having a good compulsory law have, as a rule, the smallest per cent of illiteracy. He asserted that under our present civilization the state had a right as a matter of relf-preservation to demand that the child receive an education. This may be obtained in a private or parechial school, but the child must receive the training in some way. From the age of 8 to 12 the child should be in school every day that school is in session. From 12 to 14 the that school is in session. From 12 to 14 the child should be spared from the most urgent effective it is absolutely necessary to have a

good truant officer. The following resolution was submitted y Superintendent C. G. Pearse of Omaha

Mrs. E. E. Brown of Lincoln, who has been visiting friends in this city for a few days, returned home lear night.

Edward M. Stickney, who has filled the position of chief clerk at the Murray since November, 1895, has resigned his position. He is negotiating for the management of a large hotel.

Nebraskans at the hotels: G. E. Mc-Keeby, Red Cloud; John G. Maher, Chadron; Juan Boyle, Kearney; C. Cusack, A. J. Conley and C. A. Long, North Bend; Burr Latta, Tekamash; J. C. Robinson, Fartington; J. G. Arthur, Oakhand; F. M. Rublee, Broken Bow; E. M. Cuthbertson and A. C. Boland, Nerfolk; D. Curry, Nebraska City; W. T. Black, Gothenburg; J. W. Hiller, Lincoln; E. E. Frisbie, Eigin; William Arnold and Cellins, Grand Island.

LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Omaha the Lincoln—John A. Krug, W. T. Abeil, E. S. Streeter.

ACCEPTS THE BROKEN SLATE

Sociation to Mold its annual meeting for 1858 in the city of Omaha; and we pledge to the teachers and to the citizens of Omaha our, bearty support in their effort to induce the officers of the National Educational association to locate their meeting for 1898 in that city; and we also pledge for 1898 in that city; and we also pledge for 1898 in that city; and we also pledge for 1898 in that city; and we also pledge for 1898 in that city; and we also pledge for the mour logal support in the way of attendance and membership of the teachers of the safdameeting. We suggest that all the teachers of Nebraska in attendance at the meeting to be celd next summer in Milwaukee useful proper efforts to secure favorable socion upon the invitation to be extended by the city of Omaha.

Lively Executive Session Results in a sa follows; as a follows; as follows;

is as follows; Whereas, in the city of Omaha during the aummer of two is to be held the Transmississippi and International Exposition;

whereas, The exposition will be not only educative in a general way through the opportunity given the teachers and pupils of the state to see the products of the soil and of a science from the transmississis, plates, but will also have a distinctively educational department and thoroughly modern and valuable educational exhibit;

modern and valuable educational exhibit; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the teachers of Nebruska assembled in their state association, That we heartily approve the plan for holding this exposition, and we piedge the hearty support of, this association and its members to the managers of that exposition to enable them to make such an educational exhibit as shall be creditable to this state and its educational interests.

WATTERSON ON LINCOLN. Hon. Henry Watterson this evening at he Lansing theater delivered his lecture on Abraham Lincoln at the last session of the association. The evening was stormy, but the auditonce was a fairly large one. Mr. Watterson said that from each group of prominent characters, from the time of Washington, a few had stood out in bold relief from the others. Lincoln was one of In his day questions were moving to the front that would down at no man's bidding. Then there came into the camp of the north a strange, old figure, and he uttered one sentence and for a time passed back into the obscurity from whence he came. The sentence was: "This union cannot exist half slave and half free." thirty years Lincoln had been in uncon-scious training for the presidency. The speaker traced the political career of his subject, from his debates with Douglas to his tragical death in Ford's theater, closing with a beautiful tribute to the memory

of the martyr. The attention of teachers was called to the fact that the Society for Child Study had fixed a fee of 50 cents for membership and annual dues of 25 cents. The enrollment today reached nearly 900.

FOR THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. Officers for the South Dakota Organ-

izution Are Elected. VERMILLION, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)-The officers elected by the State Teachers' association today for 1897 are: General association-President, E. Dukes, Huron; recording secretary, Jennie H. Rudolph, Canton; corresponding secretary, A.

R. Brown, Sioux Falls; treasurer, Mrs. M. . Turney, Plankinton. In the High school epartment—President, H. E. French, Yankton; secretary, A. H. Avery, Woonsocket. Department of county superintendents— President, I. D. Aldrich, Milbank; secretary. Emily F. White, Pierre. Commercial school department—President, W. R. Davis, Miller; secretary, S. Bothum, Sloux Falls. The sea-sion of 1897 will be held at Sloux Falls

were read and the time allotted for the discussions went only too quickly. A paper on "The Importance of Music in the Public School" was read by S. L. Brown of Sionx ing, and the very worst time is from 11 to

12. In the afternoon the best time is from 1 to

3 to 4, and another weak time is from 1 to

children learn through the ear and others through the eye and so they are either eyeminded or ear-minded. Each of these two classes must be taught in the way best suited to it. Others learn best by writing what they wish to remember. He sharply criticised the methods of pursuing this study that call for annoying questions to parents of children as to the personal habits or peculiarities of their children. He again called attention to the personal habits. Should?" A majority answered the ques-

The program of the evening was opened by a chorus of forty trained voices under the direction of Prof. F. A. Ballassyus. A paper was read by E. E. Granger of Aberdeen on "The Paletters of Aberdeen on Two Men have been arrested on a control of the Robert of the Paletters of Aberdeen on Two Men have been arrested on a control of the Robert of tion in the affirmative. deen on "The Relations of the Public Schools to Practical Life." "An entirely new method of teaching should be put in vogue in our common schools. There is

oo much book work and too little practical Miss Kathleen Lewis of Sloux City sang a solo, which was most heartly encored. "The Teacher" was read and discussed by Mrs. Herron of Burnside and Misa Kate

Kemper of Deadwood. During the day several telegrams of greeting were received from other associations child should be spared from the most urgent assembled in different parts of the counlemands of the home. To make such a law try. The State association of Wisconsin. which is being held at Milwaukee, sent greetings from 1,200. The weather is very

unpleasant and threatens a severe storm. WILL PUSH TO THE VERY FRONT.

lown Tenchers Urged to Greater Exertion in Education's Cause.
DES MOINES, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)-The State Teachers' association closed its convention today. State Superintendent Sabin delivered his annual address, in which he urged that Iowa should push | iron, and will cost about \$1,500. forward to the front rank, educationally.

dowment of \$100,000 from James Callanan and A. Slimmer. The teachers will interest day, not yet determined, the collection will be taken simultaneously in all the school

of the state.
In the discussion today on the functions of achools atrong ground was taken in favor of echoois alrong ground was taken in layor of kindergattens and more high school instruction in the country. Township high schools were favored by Walters of Cedar Falls. Fifteen Iowa colleges having recognized standing, decided to try to get the legislature to prevent others from conferring degrees. College men were unable to agree on regulations for athletics

College Control of the Control of th AMUSEMENTS.

Last evening at the Creighton theater the Della Fox Opera company gave as its wecond performance the "Fleur de Lis," a official way the various officers have not work adapted from the French-but not sufficiently completed their reports to give very far from-and full of funny situations, anything like a compile summary. such as are indigenous to the land of wine and frogs' legs. The music is far above

satisfactory Harry Macdonough, as a noble count of 000. Of this the insurance companies paid

couple of years ago is easily understood.

The scenery was especially good and the costumes fresh and appropriate. Mr. William T. Francis, the conductor, is deserving of a good share of the credit for the smooth, finished performance which evidently pleased the large audience assembled to hear it. "Fleur te Lis" will be repeated this evening, and "Little Trooper" at the men, three less than at the same time last

is the first trip west for the club our people cight. These were of a serious or painful are arranging to give the members a royal nature. Mrs. Maria Dorr died as a result are arranging to give the members a royal welcome. Most of the men on the club are castern men. A notable exception is the manager, who is the son of Chaplain Lozier of Iowa. Mr. Lozier is not only manager. The causes of the fires were many. The of the club, but he is also a composer of marked ability. Several of his selections will appear on the program. Perhaps his most ambitious effort is an arrangement of Schubert's Serenade for the club. Mr. Glenn Hall will sing the tenor solo, Mr. Ralph Norto 4, and another weak time is from 1 to
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to assist in digestion. During this period
the child may do mechanical work that does
not call for close mental application, for
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the property of the stage of the stage club, and only Mr. Lozier's "Shoulde Sagred Songs Be Used Entirely in the average glee club, and only Mr. Lozier's School Singing?" exceptional ability, combined with long, A song book is much needed in the arduous club practice have made possible achools, with a varied collection of popular the results obtained by this organization.

"The Little Trooper" will be the matinee bill at the Creighton today, when Della Fox and her supporting company will wish their auditors a "Happy New Year." The engagement will close tonight with a repetition of the constructed during the year was the Creighton Medical college, the estimated cost of

LOCAL BREVITIES.

On account of sickness Mrs. J. H. Daniels of 3015 Chicago street will be unable to keep open house" on New Year's day, as was stated in The Bee last Sunday.

The Misses Burgess, Boyd, Orcutt, Parrotte Martha Stone and Florence Knox will re-ceive on New Year's day from 2 to 5 p. m. at the home of Miss Knox, 1029 Georgia

Mrs. Kinkenon, who was shot by her hus-The meeting for the study of the Sunday school lesson this week will be led by Rev. Dr. W. W. Everts at 4 o'clock Satur-day afternoon in the parlors of the Y. M.

. A., as Dr. Warfield is out of the city. The William J. Lemp Brewing company has been granted a permit to build a three-story storage house on the property at Fifteenth and Nicholas streets. The building will be of wood, covered with corrugated

The High Art Bleycle company is the among western states, and could do this filed articles of incorporation. The business only by the co-operation of the educators of the company is stated to be the manuname of a new Omaha company which has

enly by the co-operation of the educators and the law-making power.

Officers were elected as follows: President, A. B. Warper of Missouri Valley; first vice president, H. B. Haven of Council Bluffs; second vice president, Lucy Curtis of State Center; third vice president, Prof. J. Allen Gilbert of Iowa City.

The association in the general session voted to indorse the scheme of the Iowa Home for the Aged of Des Moines to raise a collection from the school children of the state. The long desires to raise \$50,000 in cresh. By doing so it will be assured an envenue.

YEAR'S OFFICIAL REPORTS

Has Been a Prosperous One for Fire Insurance Companies in Omaha.

LOSSES REDUCED TO A TRIFLING FIGURE

Building Operations Not Large, but Make a Good Showing for the Times_Customs Receipts Fall on.

The record of the year in Omaha, like all other places, is not one which requires any very extended comment. In a business way It is too familiar to need review. In at

The fire insurance companies which are operating in this city can hand over to them the average in light operas, and while full selves as a New Year's gift a nice profit on of merit is decidedly pleasing. There is their business in Omaha. According to the a concerted piece in the first act and a report of Fire Chief Redell, which will be "Good Night" part-song in the last act issued in a few days, the fire loss in the opera. The work of the chorus deserves mention for its accuracy, enthusiasm and lack of objectionable obtrusiveness. In the gathered from the best source it is estimate two selections mentioned it was entirely ed that the citizens of Omaha have paid in premiums during the past year fully \$400.

France, straightened out his legs made up his face to resemble Dr. Parkhurst of police and other fame, and gave the audience more real fun than they have had in a long time.

Frank Blair has changed his face. He has assumed the delicate and mystic lineaments of Henry Irving, and as a marquis of France, in sad circumstances, scemed quite a different personage from the fool soldier of the previous evening.

Hugh Chilvers sang well and acted as usual. He is a better singer than actor, but is interesting. out is interesting.

Pretty Nellie Braggins made a most faThe total fire lorses also include those vorable, impression as the girl who wants account of several fires outside the fire ling its, where the department had no means of the Friganza had a better part than in extinguishing them. The value of the projections of the projection of the pr Trixie Friganza had a better part than in the "Little Trooper." and made the most of it. A wild dance, lots of spotless lace, a pedal crescendo beyond criticism and a fairly good voice made her decidedly attractive.

Last and mest, Della Fox added to the good impression of former years and performances by a characterization that was building on Douglas street was partially deconsisted artistic and full of spontancing. consistent, artistic and full of spontaneity. Stroyed, and the Cady Planing mill went up The furor that she created in New York a couple of years ago is easily understood. 192. The lowest less was in September, \$715

this evening, and "Little Trooper" at the performance this afternoon.

The concert to be given at the Creighton Monday night by the University of Chicago Giee and Mandolin club promises to be an important musical and social event. As this is the first trip west for the club our people.

The apparatus is the same time last year. The apparatus is the same time last

of burns she received during the The causes of the fires were many. Th

most frequent were as follows, together with the number of times they were as signed: Ignition of gasoline, 31; sparks from chimney, 19; defective chimney, 13; stovepipe through roof, 9: children and matches, 8; careless disposition of hor ashes, 7; explasion of lamps, 6; careless so of matches, 5. Eight of the fires were plainty incendiary and eight more were sup-posed to be incendiary. Two were caused by matches and mice or rats. Twentyeight were of unknown origin. BUILDING OPERATIONS.

The report of Building Inspector Harte for 896 has been completed. It shows that the total improvements in the city during the constructed during the year was the Creighton Medical college, the estimated cost of

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

December

The past year's business at the local cus-oms houses in 1896 has not been a very satisfactory one from the standpoint of the government. The receipts from customs dues band, who afterward committed suicide, is rapidly recovering, and the authorities at the hospital say she will soon be able to be out. She was able to sit up yesterday. show a heavy falling off, as compared with \$670,000, and the amount of duties collected \$97,000. One item of new business alone prevents the showing from being still more unfavorable. There has been a heavy in-ercase in the imports of silver bearing lead ore for the smelters, which was formerly not admissible. This one item has afforded the bulk of the revenue, which in years past was derived from tin plate brought in by the South Omaha packing houses. This latter has dropped off to almost nothing, owing to the establishment of tin plate fac-tories in this country, which furnish the greater part of the product consumed here. The receipts of lead ore at the have been several carloads per week through. out the year, the majority of it coming from British Columbia.

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Next to tin plate the heaviest falling off is in merchandise, due to the prevailing hard times and the general depression in business. The monetary returns from this source have also been cut down very manual to the the large additions to the free many of their wires, and on others commanication was maintained with distant points. list made by the present tariff law and the cation was maintained with distant point reduction of the duty on others.

License Inspector Hurst has completed is the worst ever experienced in this city.



would include the cure of every form of disease which affects the throat and lungs. Asthma, Croup, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough and other similar complaints have (when

other medicines failed)

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

yielded to

his annual report, which is now in the hands of the mayor. Mr. Hurst's records show that 1,496 licenses were issued during 1896 and \$11,252.81 turned into the munici pal treasury. This is an increase of 303 licenses and \$457.57 in fees over 1895. The fact that coal licenses amounting to \$1,160 were ordered paid back to the dealers changes the result, however, and makes the receipts of the department slightly less than those of the preceding year,

CHAPPLE GIVES UP THE CHASE,

Englishman Finds the Guit Set by Waller Too Swift for Him. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- One more rider has surrendered his chances for a por tion of the prize money in the big six-days international bicycle race at Convention hall, Chapple, the Englishman, was the latest to prove unable to keep up the terrific pace set by the 'Flying Dutchman' Waller and Maddox of Asbury Park, who are now up at the head with only a lap's difference in favor of the former. Chapple was in the sixth place when he dropped out. Chapple left the track on his 436th mile and during the afternoon after a good reat he helped pace the other riders for several miles at a time. The score to-

night was as follows: Miles, Latps. Waller 583 0 Lawron ... Maddex 582 9 Hunter ... Ashinger 52 4 Proter ... Eddie Bald lowered his three-quarter mile

indoor record from 1:45 to 1:41. Tom Linton lowered his ten-mile record from 26:45 to Hart Still Lends the Walkers. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Frank Hart, the colored pedestrian from Chicago, is leading in the six-day heel-and-toe walking match today. This is the third day of the match and the contestants are keeping up pretty well. Heagland, who worked from fourth

Expiseopal church at Forty-first and Charles streets last night. Over forty well trained voices joined in the production, and a good audience was greatly edified and entertained.

Assassinated in His Office, CHETOPA, Kan., Dec. 31.—Last evening T. W. Glass, a grain buyer, son of Captain T. W. Glass, a grain buyer, son of Captain T. W. Glass, a well known citien of this place, while in the gentless of the grant to the grant to the second position, is a close second only of the franciscan Fathers at Seventeenth and Center streets and the new residence of G. W. Wattles were next in order in point of capital invested.

The following table shows the number of permits i sued each month, with the cost of the improvements contemplated. Of the grant total for the year \$198.889 was invested in new buildings and \$92.261 in repairs.

No. of Cost of NEW YORKS.

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25,906 Young = (Frinceten) against Lebibsch 14,155 (Yale), drawn after thirty-five moves. 8,850 (Yale), drawn after thirty-five moves. Shooting Over the River Today. The match pigeon shoot between Fred Montmorency of this city and Jim Den of Arapahoe will take place on the Omas Arapanoe will tage place on the Omaca Gun club grounds at the east end of the big bridge this afternoon. The conditions are fifty live pigeons to the man, for \$50 a side and the price of the birds. American Shooting association rules. In addition to this race there will be shooting for all comers, at targets and live birds.

Jim Elliott Outshoots Fulford. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City won the 100 live bird match from E. D. Fulford of Utlea at Dexter park today by a score of 94 to 90. His shooting in every carlicular excelled Fulford's. The winner gets the Kansus City Star cup, em-blematic of the American championship.

Capron Wins Pirst Money. CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The tie for first place in the billiard tournament was played off tonight, Capron (250) beating Magfell (200), Score, 250 to 207.

The the for third place was won by Sutton (250) heating Matthews (200), Score, 568 to 225.

Fog Turns Day Into Night. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 31.—The density of the heavy tog which has hung over this section cation was maintained with distant points only with the greatest difficulty. The for

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